

Marshfield Conservation Commission
145th Meeting
8 October, 2020 via Zoom

Members Present: Taber Allison, Allen Banbury, Steve Fiske, Bradley Materick, Anne Miller, Sara Norton, Bob Popp, and Annie Reed

Non-Members: None

Minutes: September Minutes approved unanimously as presented

Treasurer's Report: None presented

Natural Marshfield Update

- Bird Walk at Berlin Pond on Saturday focusing on Fall Migration. Taber and Bob will lead. Limited to 12 participants. Have 12 signed up and 8 on waiting list. Bob expressed concerns about sufficient parking on a Saturday AM. Decision to meet at the south end rather than the parking area at the north end.
- Skywatching program for later this fall was cancelled because of fee
- Sue Carpenter will speak on climate change & sugaring March
- Jenny Warshow will lead a walk in Stranahan TF in April focusing on historic features
- Martin Bridge walk last month had 7 participants. Logistics were tricky because of spread out arrivals. Suggestion to do introductions with safety precautions at set time rather than waiting for everyone to arrive. Participants were not always maintaining 6 ft of separation.

Waterwise Woodland Steering Committee: Bradley

- Bradley has joined the steering committee as the Marshfield rep
- The steering committee wants to connect with conservation commissions in 3 towns (Cabot, Plainfield, Marshfield), but Bradley was unclear what that would entail
- They have identified parcels in 3 towns that are vulnerable to erosion; and would like to work with landowners to mitigate the erosion.

Cross Vermont Trail

- Greg **requested input re landowners** along the trail and is looking for folks to be liaisons with owners. Members are **encouraged to contact Greg** directly with their interest in reaching out to landowners.

Old Schoolhouse Signs:

- Bradley showed signs he produced
- **Allen** will laminate them, and then he and Bradley will put them up in the Spring
- Suggestion to also put on town website &/or community bulletin board
- **Bradley** will contact Bobbi about presenting them to SB

AVCC Summit:

- Summit is virtual this year; the theme is conservation in time of Covid
- They have had 2 sessions thus far. Bradley has attended them both
- Few more sessions are schedule and then there will be a keynote address

EAB Management Plan

- Annie attended SB meeting where they discussed the grant application. SB has decided not to apply for the grant and not do any proactive removal of ash.
- **Bob** will let Gianna know

Stranahan Update: Tabled

Tree Planting and Community Garden: Steve

- Steve met with SB re planting edible shrubs & trees. They gave approval of both ventures.
- Have mowed & brushhogged an area to prepare the plantings
- Library will cover the entire expense, ca \$500
- Community garden will happen next year.. They want to plant asparagus among other things. We generally sell asparagus at our Tree & Shrub sale. It was agreed unanimously **to provide these at cost.**
- Nicko will demonstrate **tree planting techniques on Oct 24th 10 to 12;** need to sign up in advance as participation will be limited.

iNaturalist & Virtual Bioblitz

- No Updates
- Steve identified a crayfish from a photo that had been posted.

New Business None

Announcements None

Submitted by: Bob Popp

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